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1. SECRETARY OF HIGHER EDUCATION MOHAMED ADEN, WHO STILL LEAD SOMALI DELEGATION TO SPECIAL UNGA, CALLED ME IN APRIL 6. HE ASKED ABOUT OUR APPROACH TO UNGA AND ENERGY QUESTION GENERALLY, OBSERVING THAT SOME PROBLEMS APPEARED TO HAVE ARISEN IN CONNECTION WITH RECENT OIL CONSUMERS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON.

2. I DREW ON PARAS. 5(A) THROUGH 5(C) OF REFTTEL, EMPHASIZING OUR DESIRE FOR COOPERATION NOT CONFRONTATION, OUR BELIEF THAT SPECIAL SESSION PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR INCREASED UNDERSTANDING OF COMMON PROBLEMS AND OUR FEELING THAT EXPERT CONSIDERATION OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PROBLEM IN OTHER FORUMS SHOULD CONTINUE. I EMPHASIZED OUR BELIEF THAT QUESTION OF ENERGY CONCERNS ALL COUNTRIES AND THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN SOME WAYS WERE EVEN MORE

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AFFECTED THAN DEVELOPED WORLD. US WAS IN RELATIVELY STRONG POSITION BUT IT FELT THAT WAY TO COPE WITH ENERGY PROBLEM WAS THROUGH MULTILATERAL COOPERATION RATHER THAN COMPETING BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

3. I ASKED MOHAMED ADEN ABOUT GSDR POSITION. HE SAID INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LIKE SOMALIA BEING ADVERSELY AFFECTED FROM TWO SIDES; ON ONE HAND, PRICES OF GOOD IMPORTED FROM DEVELOPED WORLD GOING UP; ON OTHER HAND, PRODUCER NATIONS ARE CHARGING MORE FOR THEIR OIL. GSDR SHARED US BELIEF THAT SOLUTION TO PROBLEM OF OIL AND OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN GENERAL LAY IN COOPERATION NOT CONFRONTATION. THEY FELT FORMATION OF BLOC OF CONSUMER NATIONS COULD LEAD TO CONFRONTATION SITUATION WHICH WOULD MAKE ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO OVERALL PROBLEM MORE DIFFICULT. BILATERAL APPROACH HAD MUCH TO COMMEND IT, THOUGH HE COULD UNDERSTAND THAT CONSUMER NATIONS MIGHT FEAR IT WOULD ENABLE PRODUCERS TO PLAY CONSUMERS OFF AGAINST EACH OTHER.

4. MOHAMED ADEN SAID SOMALI APPROACH AT UNGA WOULD BE GUIDED BY THEIR FEELING THAT DEVELOPED NATIONS MUST DO MORE TO SUPPORT GROWTH OF INDUSTRY IN DEVELOPING NATIONS, EVEN IF THIS MEANT RESTRICTING GROWTH IN DEVELOPED NATIONS THEMSELVES - IT WAS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO REDUCE THE GAP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING WORLD. GSDR ALSO FELT OIL PRODUCER NATIONS SHOULD ADOPT MODERATE STAND TOWARD OIL PRICING AND AVOID SUDDEN CHANGES AND SHOCKS WHICH UPSET WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION. THUS, SOMALIA WAS LOOKING FOR MODERATE APPROACH AT UNGA WITH CONCESSIONS FROM BOTH DEVELOPED WORLD AND PRODUCER NATIONS.

5. MOHAMED ADEN RECALLED HIS MEETING ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM WHEN HE WAS AT UNGA LAST FALL AS HEAD OF SOMALI DELEGATION. I SAID I PERSONALLY WAS HOPEFUL THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MEET WITH EASUM BUT THAT I DID NOT KNOW WHAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM'S SCHEDULE WOULD BE. MOHAMED ADEN RECALLED THAT DURING HIS CONVERSATION WITH NEWSOM HE HAD DISCUSSED US POSITION ON GUINEA-BISSAU WHICH MOHAMED ADEN CONSIDERS TO BE THE TOUCHSTONE OF US APPROACH TO AFRICA. (MOHAMED ADEN MAY WELL RAISE GUINEA-BISSAU AGAIN IN ANY CONVERSATION WITH EASUM.)

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6. COMMENT: IT MUST BE REMEMBERED IN EVALUATING MOHAMED ADEN'S COMMENTS THAT HE TENDS TO BE LESS ENAMORED OF SOMALIA'S NEW ARAB FRIENDS THAN ARE MOST OF HIS COLLEAGUES; AND WE CAN HARDLY EXPECT SOMALIA TO BREAK RANKS WITH ARABS AT UNGA.
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